

ROCKY RIDGE YURT SUMMER GUIDE²⁰¹²

Rocky Ridge yurt is ideally located for fishing in the Crooked River. It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the Crooked River by way of the Lamar Creek trail. The yurt is located at the end of a finger ridge, with spectacular views to the east, south and west. While exposed to the summer sun, there normally is a good breeze blowing through the area. The yurt is on the southern edge of the trail system, and one can connect with the Crooked River trail as well as the rest of the Idaho City Area Trail System. The yurt site is usually snow free early May to November.

PLEASE READ THE SUMMER YURT MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO GET THE YURT CODE.

How to get the code:

By email: judy.ditto@idpr.idaho.gov and the Yurt Coordinator will email the code back to you.

How To Get There:

Drive north from Idaho City on Highway 21, half way between mile marker 55 and 56 is a logging road on the east side of the highway. This is Forest Service Road Number 025M. Turn right (east) on this road. Be careful to stay to the left, there are several roads (trails) going off to the right. This old logging road requires careful driving to navigate the ruts and dips in the road.

Drive for .50 miles to the intersection where you will see a 2-foot yellow diamond shaped (blaze) on a 4x4 post. Stay to the right traveling on the road and following the 5" yellow blazes on the trees for about 1 mile to the yurt parking area. See **Where to Park**

You will come to a locked gate. Do not block the gate. You will then hike beyond the gate for 300 yards following the 5" yellow blazes. You will see the yurt on a rocky ridge off to your right.

Where to Park:

Park off to the right just off the logging road prior to the gate. **You cannot see the yurt from the locked gate or the yellow blaze.**

Elevation Change and Distance:

The yurt area is level or just slightly lower than the summer parking area.

Dogs:

Dogs are allowed at this yurt year around.

Solar Power:

This yurt has a solar unit with four lights. Please do not change the panel location. Use the lights when needed, turn them off when not in use and at the end of your stay.

Wood:

Wood for the stove is located in the wood shed. Wood for the fire pit is located on the ground surrounding the yurt site. There are several downed trees in the area which can be cut with the bow saw or axe provided. Please use downed dry timber, as it helps clean up the area and aides in fire protection.

Water:

This yurt does not have a water source available. You must haul in your own drinking water in the summer season. We recommend you haul it in on a wagon or wheelbarrow.

Equipment Needed:

Bring two (2) one-pound propane bottles per each night of your stay, a packet of lantern mantles and a roll of paper towels. **A list of recommended items for your yurt trip is at the back of the summer yurt manual.**

Maps Needed:

Idaho City Area Park N' Ski Location Map, Whoop-Um-Up Summer Trail Route to Rocky Ridge Yurt. (on website)

Other Maps that may be valuable to you:

USFS Forest Road, and USGS 7.5 minute topographic "Lowman and Big Owl Creek."

Global Positioning System Locations

UTM (in NAD 83): Note UTM's are rounded to nearest 10 meters

Whoop-Um-Up Parking Lot: 11T 0601002 4868620

Rocky Ridge Yurt: 11T 0611080 4867550

Elevation:

Whoop-Um-Up Parking Lot: 5,376 feet

Rocky Ridge Yurt: 5,338 feet

Safety:

The nearest telephone is in Lowman. For emergencies call Boise County Sheriff:

1-800-479-0911 or in a medical emergency: 1-800-632-8000. There is cell phone coverage for some cell phone systems at the high point on the Elkhorn trail once you are on top of the Banner Ridge. There is also possible coverage from Beaver Creek Summit on Highway 21. Do not depend on coverage in those areas.

REPORT YURT DAMAGE OR MISSING ITEMS TO 208-514-2418 or 208-514-2419

PLEASE, DO NOT FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS.

IT CAN LEAD TO THE ANIMALS CHEWING OR TEARING THE YURT SKIN